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DEAR PARENTS

Welcome to Fall! We also welcome many new parents to our LLF family. Fall is such an exciting time here at LLF, and as you'll see in this newsletter, we have many favorite activities to look forward to. As usual, please change your child's clothes in his/her basket to include clothes for cold weather. As long as the temperature is above 32 degrees and it's not raining, the children will go outside. Please be prepared for this every day and supply the appropriate jacket, hat, gloves, etc.

All children are doing very well in their new classrooms after the transition and the teachers have been doing excellent lesson plan activities with them. Please make sure to check the parent bulletin board in each classroom to see what the children are up to each day!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will be conducting our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences during the week of October 15-19 for all classrooms except Kindergarten (Kindergarten has their own conference schedule). Each teacher will have a sign-up sheet for days and times. These conferences are scheduled to be about 15 minutes long, and the teachers will introduce all classroom goals and concepts. Parents, you will be asked to contribute goals that you would like for your child to accomplish in the classroom. Please plan to attend. If you need more time to talk to your child's teacher about a particular concern, please schedule a separate time to discuss that.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Lewis Little Folks holds several annual Halloween events that are always a favorite for both the children and adults.

First, we will hold our "Pumpkin Patch" on Friday, October 26, 2001. This will begin at 3:00 pm. Each classroom will have fun Halloween activities planned for the children. This may include, but is not limited to, cookie decorating, Halloween stories, Halloween games, pumpkin decorating, Halloween art, and more. Our Tiger classroom will create a maze outside for all children to climb through, and we plan to have our Pumpkin Patch with hay and pumpkins for each child to find, decorate, and take home. Parents are welcome to join in on this fun event.

Then, we will all go Trick-or-Treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2001 beginning at 2:30 pm. We will invite all adults from the entire NASA lab and contractors to participate by lining up at the picnic grounds. The children will then parade by in costume to collect treats. We will ask all adults not to pass out any peanut products or hard candy. Also, the children will not be able to eat any of the candy that is collected until they go home. This rule is for safety reasons, as the staff of LLF will not be able to inspect the candy collected, and we would prefer that parents supervise the amount and types of candy that the children may eat.

More information on these events will be given to you in the future.

SCHOOL PICTURES

LLF will once again have school pictures taken of the children. "School Pictures Photography" will be here on November 1 & 2, 2001. We have not worked out a schedule yet, but you will be notified as to which day each class will have them taken. We will do individual and class pictures, and you will have the opportunity to purchase from a variety of picture packages. Information is being sent to LLF and will be distributed to you before those dates.

STAFF INFORMATION

Please welcome Christine Brady to the LLF team. Christine has experience working in childcare centers and will be working in our Duckling room in the morning and in the Tiger 3 room in the afternoon.

Also, we welcome back Ms. Foster to our Kindergarten after her summer vacation!

Nine of our teachers have begun their third class with Cuyahoga Community College to complete their training to earn a CDA (Child Development Associate). They are: Shelly Conrad, Natalie Clark, Janice Kundtz, Erlinda Stephens, Cheri Pogozielski, Brie Dobrow, Anita Ranieri, Maureen Becker, and Carmella Genaro. The class they are taking is called "Center and Family Relationships". For this class, the teachers are required to make a home visit with a family to observe the family at home and to ask questions about the home atmosphere. Each teacher needs a family. If you are willing to help out a teacher and let them make a home visit, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you are interested.

WEB SITE INFORMATION

If you are interested in obtaining web sites and information on assisting your child deal with the

tragedy of September 11th, please contact the office. Carmella has some helpful information.

LLF FUNDRAISERS

We're excited to try a few new fundraisers this year. We have already begun our "Constructive Playthings" toy catalog fundraiser. This will run until October 12 and LLF will earn 15% of all sales. Then, we will have a "Current" catalog fundraiser beginning on October 19, 2001. These fundraisers are perfect to get ready for the holidays (can you believe we're talking about the holidays already?). Please ask friends, family, and co-workers to participate. We appreciate your support of LLF!

LLF NEEDS

We will need bales of hay for our pumpkin patch. We will also need to find a good deal on 120 pumpkins (the small pie pumpkins). If anyone knows where we can get some good deals on these items, please let us know. We also may need someone to pick these items up and deliver them to LLF. Or, if anyone has time to call around to area farms or produce stores to find best prices, we would appreciate it. Please call the office for more information.

Also, we will need very large boxes to create our annual Halloween maze. These should be refrigerator or T.V. size boxes. Any donations would be very appreciated.

KITCHEN NEWS

A new menu cycle is scheduled to begin October 29th. Copies of this menu will be emailed just before it starts. I have provided a variety of meat, vegetables, fruit, and bread. There are a few new items and some returning favorites. The Campbell product label drive continues. Please save your labels and drop them in the collection bin located in the entrance vestibule. "Market Day" products are also eligible (front label only).

Thank you, Linda Ryan

THANK YOU

Thank you to Barry Piendl and Bob Orszycki for helping us put together our new equipment and fixing older ones. We're very grateful for your abilities and time. Also, thanks to Mike Krinov for helping us fix our Bye-Bye buggy so that the infants can take squeak-free walks.

The entire LLF staff would like to thank all parents who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Committee to make Teacher Appreciation Week (Sept. 10-14) so special for all of us. We received doughnuts, muffins, coffee, gifts from the children, lunch from Olive Garden, delicious cake, certificates of appreciation and mall gift certificates. It was so wonderful to be appreciated for doing a job we all love anyway, and we are all very grateful.

Special thanks to the Staff Appreciation Committee for arranging the entire week: Kathy Shepherd, Edie Parrott, Gwendolyn Flowers, and Judy Van Zante.

Thank you to all parents who calmly and quickly picked up your children on September 11th and to all parents who assisted the staff that day.

CLASSROOM NEWS**BUNNIES**

We would like to welcome our new parents and babies to the Bunny room. Happy 1st birthday to Anna Grantier and Jordenne Hudson in October. On October 31st, please bring in your child's Halloween costume and leave it in his/her locker with your child's name on it. The teachers will get the children in costume before the parade. Please take a look at our parent bulletin board each day to see what new activities we are doing each day to help the children grow and learn!

Shelly, Natalie, Renee, and Melanie

DUCKLINGS

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone into the Duckling room. We are going to have a fun year together. For the month of October, our themes consist of changes in the weather, fall shapes, fun with orange, black, brown, white, fun with falling leaves, and Halloween fun and safety. The children have already begun to develop their learning abilities, and will continue to move forward as the year progresses. At this time, we would like to ask that all parents label such items as clothing as anything else that is brought from home. Thanks to the parents that have given and shown much support with working with their children. Let's have a terrific year!

Janice, Susan, and Christine

PUPPIES

October will be a busy month for us in the Puppy room. We will be discussing many Fall Harvest themes including apples, autumn, fall activities, and of course, Halloween. We also have many birthdays in the Puppy 2 class. Happy Birthday to Cameron Stewart and Mark Orszycki who share a birthday on Oct. 3^d, Jenna Prahst on Oct. 5^h, Mariah Chaney on Oct. 9th, Jacob Seidel on Oct. 16th, and Rachel Kolibas on Oct. 28th. Puppy 1 is still asking for pictures of your child for his/her locker. It really helps the children identify which locker belongs to them. Puppy 2 is asking for pictures for their family board. Also, the phone number for the Puppy 2 class is 3-9430.

Erlinda, Donna, Patty, Cheri

BEARS

Over the past month we have been very busy in our classrooms. We learned all of our basic colors and shapes. Please ask your children the different colors and shapes of items around them. The Let's Find Out magazines have been a great new learning tool. The children enjoy looking and talking about them. For October, we will be talking about apples, pumpkins, leaves, squirrels, and scarecrows. Keep your eyes open for special times to volunteer in our classroom throughout the year. Happy 4th birthday to Samir Menon (Oct. 13th), Ashley Heimann (Oct. 18th), and Cassie Leissler (Oct. 20th).

Brie and Anita

TIGER 1 & 2

We made it through the first month and all children are adjusting to the Tiger class. We had many birthdays in September. Happy Birthday to all of you! We will have Show-N-Tell every Thursday. Items brought in for this should relate to our theme or letter of the week. Please check the parent bulletin board in our classroom. A recent activity that we have done is painting giant flags to be hung up in the DEB building. We have also been learning new songs and dances, and we introduced the children to worksheets related to math. Our Weekly Readers are a big hit with the children. Next month we have many exciting activities planned. Please check you monthly calendar.

Linda A. and Maureen B.

TIGER 3

Thank you very much for the donations of extra-large men's shirts. As a learning activity about sharing, the children shared a shirt together (two children put on one shirt and cooperated with each other by walking together throughout the building). The children really enjoyed it! Thank you to Barry Piendl for donating old telephones. I'm sure our future engineers will enjoy taking them apart. We have two new friends in our classroom this year. We welcome Danny Malarik, whose older brother and sister also attended LLF, and Barry Wilson, who has a sister in the Puppy room. Tiger 3 birthdays for the months of September and October include Samantha Hewston on Sept. 6th, Drew Shepherd on Sept. 12th, Barry Wilson on Sept. 14th, and Kyle Deacey on October 30th. October is here! During this month, the children will be working on art projects, math and science skills, language, and learning American Sign Language. Don't be surprised if a family project gets sent home. Please take time to stop, look, listen, question, and enjoy these special projects. Your participation is a very important part of the whole learning experience. October 19th is Cleveland Sport Day. The children can wear their favorite Cleveland sport team shirt and join the fun! We are in need of ping-pong balls for a very special project (Don't ask...just trust me, it's going to be fun). We also need potato chip cans, fall color yarn and ribbon, and small objects to add to our alphabet sorting game. Please remember toys from home are welcome on Fridays for show-n-tell. The toys should deal with the theme or the letter of the week. Comfort toys for nap are always welcome. You're always welcome to come to our class to share a book or a story of your own with the children. We also would like musical CDs of all types of music. This can be anything that you think that the children will enjoy.

Thanks,
Cathy McDonnell

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Ms. Foster's Kindergarten class of 2002. We are off to a fabulous start. The boys and girls are adjusting well to our daily routine. I am looking forward to an exciting year working with your child. The Kindergartners blasted off the year with a trip to the hangar and met Senator John Glenn and his wife, Mrs. Glenn. What a marvelous experience! Thanks to Barb Wiedenmannott for making the arrangements. Also, thank you to all parents who chaperoned. The Friday alphabet parties are a big success. I would like to thank all parents for signing up for the parties and sending in delicious treats. We love those parties. The Kindergartners are progressing nicely academically. We do a letter sound each week (beginning with A) and will be on the letter E on October 1st. In math, we are doing a unit on the location of objects according to their position. We will then begin counting. The topics to be covered in Social Studies will be rules, homes, and families. In Science, we will discuss dinosaurs, floating, eggs, heavy and light, and insects. Please continue to help your child with their handwriting, flashcards, and left and right hand. Attention parents: If you would like to be a speaker and share a hobby, special interest, or your career with our class, we would love to have you. Just let me know.

Here are the Kindergartners' responses to the following question:

"What would you like to tell the Tiger class about Kindergarten?"

Evan Verrilli: You can be table wiper and have a great time.

Tamra Huffman: You get to be line leader and teacher helper. If you get a 4-day, you get a prize.

Taylor Doehne: You get really, really, really important homework.

Robby Jankovsky: We say the Pledge. We make art stuff and you get cookies.

Gabby Martinez: You can go outside at recess and there are no naps in Kindergarten and you have show-n-tell and you get drinks.

Megan Wiedenmannott: You can be messenger.

Brianna Grim: You get a folder and put your papers in them and you have to color.

Hannah Czaruk: You have to clean up your toys and you learn stuff and you can play on the computer.

Katie Abt: You get to make candy cane pictures and read stories and you get cookies and you can play anything you want.

Bradley Harrison: We sit at a desk and listen to the teacher.

Thank you,
Ms. Foster